

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

International application No.

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Box No. I	Basis of the report
1.	<p>With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)</p> <p>2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on <i>(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)</i>:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the international application as originally filed/furnished</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the description:</p> <p>pages <u>1-9</u> _____ as originally filed/furnished</p> <p>pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____</p> <p>pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the claims:</p> <p>nos. _____ as originally filed/furnished</p> <p>nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19</p> <p>nos.* <u>1-15</u> _____ received by this Authority on <u>28.04.2006 by fax</u></p> <p>nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the drawings:</p> <p>sheets <u>1/1</u> _____ as originally filed/furnished</p> <p>sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____</p> <p>sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the description, pages _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the claims, nos. _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the drawings, sheets/figs _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the sequence listing (<i>specify</i>): _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> any table(s) related to sequence listing (<i>specify</i>): _____</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the description, pages _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the claims, nos. _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the drawings, sheets/figs _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the sequence listing (<i>specify</i>): _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> any table(s) related to sequence listing (<i>specify</i>): _____</p> <p>* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."</p>

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-15</u>	YES
	Claims	<u></u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>10-13, 15</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1-9, 14</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-15</u>	YES
	Claims	<u></u>	NO
2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)			
<p>1.1 Document JP-A-06200595 discloses an insulating studded sheet (8), which on one side of a plane has shaped hollow studs and on one side of a plane, in order to increase the heat transfer resistance, has a surface with a relatively high degree of reflection.</p>			
<p>1.2 The subject matter of claim 1, which is directed to a product, differs from that already known and in the corresponding variant in that the sheet has a degree of reflection of more than 20% on both sides of the plane.</p>			
<p>1.3 Such a degree of reflection can be implicitly deduced from the citation (aluminium-coating) and the restriction "on both sides" would, according to the circumstances, be considered obvious by a person skilled in the art, and therefore the subject matter of the claim does not involve an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)). The additional features introduced by claims 4, 5, 7 and 9 are already known from the citation. In addition, the other variant of claim 1 (hollow</p>			

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	<p>studs formed on both sides) is a structural measure that is known <i>per se</i>.</p> <p>2. The features added by product claims 2, 3, 6 and 8 and method claim 14 do not support an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)): claims 2 and 6; suggested by JP-A-06200595 (aluminium coating); claims 3 and 8; a pigmented (titanium dioxide) plastic that reflects infrared radiation is known <i>per se</i> from US-A-20030148093; claim 14; a procedure of this kind is standard in the production of studded sheets.</p> <p>3. Composite plates with a studded sheet arranged on a base component, again for increasing heat transfer resistance, are known, <i>inter alia</i>, from DE-A-2149851 (see metal studded sheet (1)). It would not, however, be considered obvious to replace that sheet with the studded sheet claimed by the present claim 1, and therefore claim 10, and claims 11-13, which are dependent thereon, satisfy the criteria in PCT Article 33(3). This assessment applies <i>mutatis mutandis</i> to method claim 15.</p>